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# Warren Panel Closes 7 Months' Probe

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After seven months during which thousands of pages of testimony were taken, the Warren Commission yesterday ended the examination phase of its investigation into the assassination of President Kennedy.

But the commission's report, tentatively set for June 30, is unlikely to be turned over to President Johnson for another month or so, a source close to the commission said.

The last scheduled witness was James J. Rowley, chief of the Secret Service, the agency whose record of 62 years of success in guarding Presidents was shattered Nov. 22 in Dallas, Tex.

Since its appointment by President Johnson on Nov. 29 the commission, headed by Chief Justice Earl Warren, has directly questioned 38 witnesses and received depositions from 313 others.

A spokesman said that in a review of testimony, the panel may decide to call additional witnesses or recall some already heard.

In a separate development,

a story which appeared in a Houston newspaper that Lee Harvey Oswald, the suspected

assassin of President Kennedy, had planned to kill then Vice-President Johnson in April, 1963, instead of former Vice-President Nixon as previously reported, was labeled "totally untrue" by William A. McKenzie, Dallas attorney for Oswald's widow.

The story was given further credibility by a wire service report which claimed that Mrs. Oswald "told the commission that Oswald picked up his gun and left the house in April, 1963, telling her he was going down town to 'see our friend who is coming to town.' The young widow said she assumed her husband was re-

turning to Johnson, who visited Dallas at that time."

In a denial of the story, Mr. McKenzie told the New York Herald Tribune that while being questioned by the commission last Thursday, Mrs. Oswald was asked about reports her husband had contemplated shooting Mr. Johnson.

"She said she didn't know anything about it," commented Mr. McKenzie.

He then quoted Mrs. Oswald as telling the commission, "at that time I did not even know the name of Johnson or know who he was."

During a 3½-hour session before the commission Mr. Rowley was reportedly questioned in detail about procedures used to guard President Kennedy the day he

was killed and about reports that some Secret Service agents were seen drinking in a Fort Worth night spot the evening before the Nov. 22 assassination.

The possibility that the Secret Service was remiss in its duties on that fateful day is being thoroughly explored by the commission.

Mr. Rowley was not in Dallas when the President was shot and has yet to issue a public statement concerning the assassination and the role played by his agents.

He was also expected to be asked about present security methods employed to protect President Johnson and whether co-operation with the FBI has increased.

Afterward, when asked by newsmen if the commission had given him "a hard time," Mr. Rowley replied that the discussion was "very pleasant."

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